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FOR: LASER MACHINING APPARATUS, :  
AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING A MULTILAYERED  
PRINTED WIRING BOARD

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SIR:

Prior to a further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows::

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.